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I hold a General Class license , I have been licensed for 44 years. Here is my comments on License Re-structuring. Have (3) classes of licensing (Which I understand is FCC goal) 1 - Extra @ 20 WPM code Proficiency, one minute of solid code.

2 - General @ 13 Wpm code Proficiency , one minute of solid code.

3 - Technician @ 5 WPM code Proficiency , one minute of solid code.

Do away with Novice , Tech plus, or the Advanced classes. Either put the Advanced with the Extra, or the Generals in with the Advanced . The early 1960's Extra and Advanced were generated as an Incentive class . I look at the Advance as an overlap of the General Class, and as an unnecessary class of license.

The above would be a 3 tier class system, I recommend the above suggestion.

I am in agreement with "power" in R F exposure table , with PEP input to Antenna

I agree with , No one holding an FCC license , may apply for a Reciprocal permit for an alien amateur license.

Also agree to phase out Races station license.

If 3 license structure is the goal , go with Extra, General, Tech at 20wpm, 13wpm, and 5wpm.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Sincerely

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I am writing in regards to the proposed restructuring of the Amateur Radio Licensing program.

Although I am a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and they claim to speak for their members, I must respectfully disagree with their proposal to restructure the current licensing classes.

After the ARRL made public the proposal they submitted to the FCC, I contacted my ARRL director, Marshall Quiat, and asked him how he voted on the ARRL proposal, and to explain why he voted the way he did. His response to me was, "I voted for the ARRL proposal, however it was because I was in a room full of madmen with a gun to my head."

To me, this didn't sound like a very democratic way the ARRL muscled their views through the elected directors. If there is to be a restructuring of the Amateur Radio Licensing procedures, I would propose the following:

4 Classes, structured like the commercial licensing was done, with the following classes:

FIRST CLASS, With full Amateur Privileges, requiring 20 Words Per Minute Code proficiency and a 50 question test on advanced Radio Procedures and Theory.

SECOND CLASS, with privileges now granted to Advanced Class licensees, requiring 12 Words Per Minute Code proficiency, and a 50 question test on general Radio Procedures and Theory.

THIRD CLASS, with privileges now granted to General Class licensees, requiring 8 Words Per Minute Code proficiency, and a 50 question test on general Radio Procedures and Theory.

FOURTH CLASS, with privileges now granted to Technician Plus licensees, requiring 5 Words Per Minute Code proficiency, and a 50 question test on basic Radio Procedures and Theory.

Each class of license would have a discreet designator in the call sign to signify the class of license of the operator. This would prevent operation on frequencies outside the qualification of the licensee.

Current Amateur Extra class operators become FIRST CLASS licensees and would maintain their current privileges, Advanced class operators would become SECOND CLASS licensees with those privileges now granted to Advanced Class licensees, General Class licensees would become THIRD CLASS licensees with those privileges now enjoyed by the General licensees, and current Tech Plus and Technician class operators would become FOURTH Class Licensees with those privileges currently enjoyed by Tech Plus licensees.

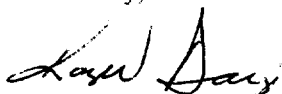
The only written examination that would carry the licensee to a higher class would be the examination administered to the THIRD CLASS licensees. All other examinations would become increasingly more difficult as advancement toward the FIRST CLASS Licensee is pursued.

Proficiency in Morse Code would again become a requirement for all classes.

I am opposed to any proposal that does not require at least a 5 Word Per Minute Code proficiency examination.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


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To whom it may concern.

Referring to an article in the ARRL magazine QST.
Nov 1998 issue on page 76, 5th paragraph.

Regarding the F.C.C. possibly increasing the Technician
license privileges. The article states "The F.C.C. appears
to be proposing to provide that a Technicians license
could gain H.F. privileges by passing a 5 wpm. code
Test."

I am a 71 year old Tech class Ham WA6KWE. The 13 wpm
code test To gain H.F. privileges seems to be too difficult
for me to pass. My question referring to the QST article
will the F.C.C. be increasing the Technicians license privileges?
will you please respond.

Thank You

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